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6 0 N I P S H I P S S U N K S I N C E M O N D A Y !

THE TEMPO OF THE YANK AIR OFFENSIVE OVER THE PHILIPPINES HAS BEEN INCREASED AND CARRIED TO THE VERY DOORSTEPS OF JAPAN ITSELF. SINCE LAST MONDAY 60 JAPANESE VESSELS HAVE BEEN SUNK IN THE WATERS OFF LUZON; 35 OF THEM BEING BAGGED IN A TWO DAY PERIOD.

OF THE 35 TOTAL 25 WERE FREIGHTERS AND TRANSPORTS ADDING UP TO 57,000 TONS. THE REMAINING TEN WERE A SEA PLANE TENDER, THREE ESCORT VESSELS, A COASTAL PATROL SHIP, AND 5 LUGGERS.

MOST OF THESE SHIPS WERE CAUGHT EITHER IN THE LINGUYEN GULF OR SUBIC BAY BOTH NORTH OF MANILA. TWO BOMBERS WERE LOST DURING THE OPERATIONS.

ALLIED BOMBERS ALSO CONTINUED THEIR SMASH AT CLARK FIELD NEAR MANILA DESTROYING 20 JAPANESE FIGHTERS.

MEANWHILE, DETAILS WERE STILL LACKING ON THE TWO DAY CARRIER ATTACK ON FORMOSA AND THE RYUKYU ISLANDS.

ADMIRAL NIMITZ INDICATED THAT THE FULL STORY WOULD BE FORTH - COMING WHEN THE POWERFUL TASK FORCE COULD BREAK RADIO SILENCE; HINTING THAT THEY ARE STILL OPERATING IN ENEMY WATERS.

RADIO TOKYO, HOWEVER, REPORTED THAT THE FIRST ASSAULT HAD LASTED FOR 7 HOURS WITH OVER 500 PLANES BLASTING THE ISLAND. ON THE SECOND DAY 400 AIRCRAFT CAME OVER FOR A PERIOD OF 4 HOURS. "SLIGHT DAMAGE" WAS CAUSED, SAID TOKYO.

THE LAST TIME FORMOSA WAS HIT BY A NAVY TASK FORCE TEAM WAS BACK ON OCTOBER 13TH. THESE ATTACKS CONTINUED TO SWEEP OVER THE JAPANESE DEFENSE LINES UNTIL THEY FINALLY CULMINATED IN THE INVASION OF LEYTE.

SOME 200 MILES BELOW THE JAPANESE MAINLAND FORMOSA IS A STRONG AIR AND NAVAL BASE AND CONSTITUTES A MENACE TO ANY AMERICAN MOVES TOWARDS LUZON.

L A T E N E W S

ADMIRAL MOUNTBATTEN'S HDQTRS IN INDIA ANNOUNCE THAT BRITISH AND INDIAN TROOPS HAVE LANDED ON THE ISLAND OF AKYAB OFF THE BURMA COAST. NOT A SHOT WAS FIRED IN OPPOSITION.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT REVEALS HE WILL MEET WITH CHURCHILL AND STALIN SOME TIME AROUND JANUARY 20TH.

GENERAL MONTGOMERY, BRITISH COMMANDER IN EUROPE, GIVEN INCREASED POWER BY EISENHOWER.

SLIGHT GAINS IN BELGIUM

IN ANOTHER DAY OF HEAVY FIGHTING ON THE WESTERN FRONT AMERICAN TROOPS YESTERDAY CONTINUED TO EDGE FORWARD ON THE NORTHERN FLANK OF THE GERMAN SALIENT IN BELGIUM AND MADE MINOR GAINS IN THE BASTOGNE CORRIDOR.

SINCE LAUNCHING THE NEW ATTACK ON THE NORTHERN FLANK LAST WEDNESDAY THE AMERICANS HAVE ADVANCED STEADILY AND BROADENED THE FRONT TO 13 MILES. THE DRIVE IS CENTERED ABOUT 15 MILES NORTH OF THE BASTOGNE CORRIDOR AND THE FIGHTING IS PROCEEDING IN SNOW. AS YET THE GERMANS HAVE NOT COMMITTED ANY PANZER DIVISIONS TO THIS ACTION.

IN THE CENTER OF THE BASTOGNE SALIENT ITSELF YANK TROOPS CONTINUE TO PUSH NORTHWARD AND ARE NOW THREATENING THE NAZI ANCHOR IN THAT AREA. OTHER AMERICAN UNITS HAVE MADE SLIGHT GAINS SOUTH OF ROCHFORTH.

THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE REPORTED IN THE FIGHTING TO THE SOUTH WHERE STRONG GERMAN COUNTER ATTACKS HAVE FORCED THE AMERICAN 7TH ARMY TO WITHDRAW FROM THE NARROW STRIP OF TERRITORY IT HELD WITHIN THE NAZI HOMELAND.

IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT THE 36 HOUR DELAY ON THE RELEASE OF NEWS FROM THE WESTERN FRONT HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO 12 HOURS INSTEAD. THIS IS TAKEN IN MANY QUARTERS TO INDICATE A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER IN THE SITUATION.

BURMA FRONT

IN BURMA BRITISH TROOPS ARE NOW MEETING STIFFENING JAP RESISTENCE IN THEIR DRIVE TOWARDS MANDALAY. THE FORCES WHICH TOOK YE-U WITHOUT OPPOSITION ARE MEETING JAPANESE FIRE FROM EAST OF THE MU RIVER ON WHICH YE-U IS SITUATED.

A FEW MILES TO THE NORTH OTHER BRITISH TROOPS HAVE ENLARGED THEIR BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE MU AGAINST STRONG JAPANESE OPPOSITION. OTHER TROOPS OF THE SAME DIVISION HAVE CAPTURED ADDITIONAL POSITIONS ON THE MANDALAY RAILWAY.

ONLY 40 MILES NOW SEPARATES TWO CHINESE COLUMNS MOVING FROM NORTHERN BURMA AND FROM THE WESTERN YUNNAN PROVINCE TOWARDS A JUNCTION WHICH WILL OPEN A BRANCH OF THE BURMA SUPPLY ROAD INTO CHINA.

CHINESE FORCES IN WESTERN YUNNAN HAVE PASSED WANGTI AND TAKEN A VILLAGE A FEW MILES TO THE SOUTH. THE OTHER FORCE HAS ADVANCED A MILE ALONG THE ROAD RUNNING SOUTHEAST FROM BHARMO.

AMERICAN PLANES BASED IN CHANA SUNK 6 JAPANESE TANKERS AND A JAPANESE CARGO VESSEL. THE YANK PLANES ALSO BOMBED TARGETS 50 MILES SOUTHEAST OF HANGCHOW.

NEWS FROM CAPITAL HILL

IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY THE WAR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TOTAL UNITED STATES CASULTIES NOW ARE 638,139. THE ARMY'S STAND AT 566,362 OF WHICH 103,991 HAVE BEEN KILLED IN ACTION. NAVY CASULTIES ARE 81,787 OF WHICH 31,332 ARE DEAD. THESE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE THE RECENT GERMAN COUNTER OFFENSIVE IN EUROPE.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SAID HE WELCOMED THE DECISION OF THE TURKISH PEOPLE TO BREAK OFF DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH JAPAN.

THE UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION BUREAU WILL HOLD ITS SIXTH MEETING TOMORROW UNDER U.S. DIRECTOR OF WAR INFORMATION ELMER DAVIS. UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE ARCHIBALD MAC LEASH, STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BUREAU, DECLARED, "I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW. IF THEY ARE PROPERLY INFORMED THEIR DECISIONS WILL BE WISE."

THE PRESIDENT, MEANWHILE, CONTINUED WORK ON HIS ANNUAL STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS WHICH WILL BE DELIVERED TO CONGRESS TODAY. DURING THE DAY HE MET THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR LORD HALIFAX. HALIFAX DECLARED THEY HAD DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED ROOSEVELT-CHURCHILL-STALIN MEETING, THE SITUATION IN GREECE, AND SEVERAL OTHER PROBLEMS.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY FORRESTAL, IN A LETTER TO CONGRESS, HAS ASKED FOR ONE AND A HALF BILLION DOLLARS TO KEEP THE NAVY'S EXPANSION PROGRAM IN HIGH GEAR. THE FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR NEW SHIPS AND AIR-CRAFT AS WELL AS FOR TRAINING FACILITIES.

THE SIXTH WAR LOAN, SAID SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY MORGENTHAU, BROUGHT IN 25 1/2 BILLION DOLLARS EXCEEDING BY 44% THE 14 BILLION DOLLAR GOAL.

ADMIRAL LANDS, HEAD OF THE MARITIME COMMISSION, REVEALED THAT DURING 1944 US. SHIPYARDS HAD DELIVERED 1,667 NEW MERCHANT SHIPS.

C H A L L E N G E (DECK FORCE PLEASE NOTE)

THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED YESTERDAY FROM THE ~~DEE~~ BLACK GANG: AFTER LAST SUNDAY'S DEFEAT IN SOFTBALL, THE BACK GANG WOULD LIKE A CHANCE TO EVEN THE SCORE WITH THE SUNSHINE BABIES (DECK FORCE) ON OUR NEXT LIBERTY DAY. WE HAVE NO EXCUSE TO OFFER FOR LOSSING LAST SUNDAY'S GAME BUT SOMEONE SHOULD TEACH UMPIRE CHIEF ZONSKI THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BALL AND A STRIKE. WE ARE READY TO GIVE YOU A TASTE OF DEFEAT, DECK FORCE. WHAT DO YOU SAY?



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"GABBY" GOB SAYS: "IT'S REMARKABLE WHAT SOME WOMEN CAN GET BY WITH AND STILL KEEP THEIR AMATEUR STANDING."

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A FELLOW WE KNOW HAS A BROKEN ARM WHICH HE RECEIVED FIGHTING FOR A WOMAN'S HONOR. IT SEEMS SHE WANTED TO KEEP IT.

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THE ADDITION OF A BOS'N AND A GUNNERS MATE HAS BEEN REPORTED BY OUR "GESTAPO". HERE'S WISHING THEM GOOD LUCK.

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WORD REACHED US THAT LUNG AND STEINER HAVE BEEN GOING STEADY FOR NEARLY FOUR MONTHS. WE'RE WONDERING IF RINGS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED?

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SIGHT OF THE DAY. "MESS COOK" MUCCIANTI COMPLETE WITH WHITE DINNER JACKET SERVING "STINKY" IN THE FO'CSLE.

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IT SEEMS AS THOUGH TWO TIMID SOULS IN THE BLACK GANG, LOPEZ AND MEOLI, HAVE BEEN HIDING BEHIND THE SHOWER CURTAIN WHILE BATHING. WONDER WHAT THEY HAVEN'T GOT THAT WE HAVE?

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BRITISH TAR (TO HOSTESS AT USO DANCE): "IS THAT 'V' NECK IN YOUR PRETTY GOWN FOR VICTORY?"

HOSTESS: "IT SURE IS, BUT THE BUNDLES AREN'T FOR BRITAIN."

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INCREASE YOUR VOCABULARY

CASSEROLE: A DEVIL WITH THE WOMEN.

COLIC: ONE'S ASSOCIATE IN BUSINESS OR PROFESSION.

FIESTA: SOMETHING MEXICANS TAKE EVERY AFTERNOON WHILE THEY ARE ASLEEP.

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U. S. TROOPS LAND ON ISLAND OFF COAST OF SOUTHERN LUZON :



DULUTH
MORNING NEWS

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IN A SPECIAL COMMUNIQUE RELEASED THIS MORNING IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT UNITS OF GENERAL MAC ARTHUR'S SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC COMMAND HAVE MADE A LANDING ON THE ISLAND OF MARINDUQUE UNDER HEAVY AIR AND NAVAL SUPPORT.

THE ISLAND IS JUST 10 MILES SOUTH OF THE SOUTHERN COAST OF LUZON AND ITS OCCUPATION WILL GIVE CONTROL OF THE SIBUYAN SEA OFF SOUTHERN LUZON.

MARINDUQUE IS ABOUT 23 MILES WIDE AND SLIGHTLY GREATER IN LENGTH. WHILE THE TROOPS WERE BEING LANDED HEAVY BOMBERS RANGED OUT AND BLASTED THE SMALL ISLAND OF LUBANG JUST NORTH OF MINDORO.

THE NEW LANDING FOLLOWS GENERAL MAC ARTHUR'S OPERATION ON MINDORO WHERE YANKS WENT ASHORE ON DECEMBER 15TH AND QUICKLY SEIZED CONTROL OF THE MAIN AIRFIELD.

HEAVY BOMBERS, MEANWHILE, HAVE CONTINUED THEIR ATTACK ON LUZON ITSELF, SMASHING AT CLARK FIELD NEAR MANILA WHERE 30 MORE ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE SHOT DOWN. FOUR ADDITIONAL JAP PLANES WERE DOWNED WHEN THEY RAIDED AMERICAN POSITIONS ON MINDORO. SLIGHT DAMAGE WAS INFLICTED IN THIS RAID.

MAC ARTHUR ALSO REVEALED THIS MORNING THAT 300 ADDITIONAL JAP DEAD HAVE BEEN COUNTED ON LEYTE.

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING THE LOSS OF THE DESTROYER REID TO ENEMY ACTION IN THE PHILIPPINES. THE REID IS THE 4TH FLEET UNIT TO BE LOST IN THE PHILIPPINE CAMPAIGN.